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SUBJECT: FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE, JAMES LAMOND

REF: (A) STATE 155541; (B) STATE 160522

1. UPON RECEIPT REF A, WE INFORMED LAMOND THAT DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND LABOR WOULD BE PLEASED TO ASSIST HIM IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS WITH TRADE UNION LEADERS IN US. LAMOND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION AND SAID HE WOULD FURNISH DETAILS ABOUT ITINERARY AND HOTELS AS SOON AS TRAVEL PLANS ARE FIRM. EMBASSY ISSUED HIM B-2 VISA (NO WAIVER REQUIRED), AND PROVIDED HIM WITH TOURIST LITERATURE.

2. EMBASSY OFFICER HAS DISCUSSED FURTHER WITH LAMOND HIS INTERESTS WHILE IN US. HE SAID THAT BASICALLY HE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT THE HEADQUARTERS OF A TRADE UNION. HE HAS LONG HEARD OF THE VERY EFFICIENT ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN TRADE UNIONS AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE AN EXAMPLE FOR HIMSELF. SINCE HE IS SPONSORED FOR PARLIAMENT BY THE AUEW, HE THOUGHT THAT AN ENGINEERING UNION MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE. HIS CONSTITUENCY, OLDHAM, IS A TEXTILE MANUFACTURING CENTER, SO A TEXTILE UNION MIGHT BE EQUALLY APPROPRIATE. FAILING EITHER OF THOSE POSSIBILITIES, HE WOULD BE CONTENT TO VISIT ANY UNION HEADQUARTERS THAT WE MIGHT RECOMMEND. HE MADE NO OTHER SPECIFIC REQUESTS.

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3. LAMOND EXPECTS TO STAY WITH FRIENDS IN HONOLULU SEPT.

1-3 (THESE DATES AND ALL DATES ARE VERY TENTATIVE),
VISIT LOS ANGELES OR SAN FRANCISCO, SEPT. 4-6, AND THEN
VISIT WASHINGTON, WILMINGTON (WHERE HE ALSO HAS FRIENDS),
AND PHILADELPHIA BEFORE DEPARTING FOR HOME FROM NEW YORK
SEPT. 10.

4. EMBASSY OFFICER WHO KNOWS LAMOND JUDGES HIM TO BE
MODERATE LEFTIST IN LABOR PARTY POLITICAL SPECTRUM. HE
HAS NO COMMUNIST SYMPATHIES AND IS FAVORABLY DISPOSED
TOWARDS THE US. HIS REQUEST IS MODEST AND WE BELIEVE IT
WOULD BE IN USG INTEREST TO ARRANGE ONE OR TWO VISITS
SUCH AS HE ENVISAGES. WE SHALL FORWARD HIS FIRM TRAVEL
PLANS AS SOON AS HE GIVES THEM TO US.

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